

1 THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR

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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
8 AT SEATTLE

9 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
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11 Plaintiff,  
12 v.  
13 JEFFREY BLACK,  
14 Defendant.

CASE NO. CR14-0181-JCC  
ORDER

15 This matter comes before the Court on Defendant's motion to seal (Dkt. No. 134) an  
16 exhibit to his supervised release violation memorandum (Dkt. No. 136).

17 "There is a strong presumption of public access to the court's files." W.D. Wash. Local  
18 Civ. R. 5(g)(3); *Nixon v. Warner Commc'ns, Inc.*, 435 U.S. 589, 597 (1978). However,  
19 documents filed in support of a dispositive motion should remain under seal when a party can  
20 "articulate[] compelling reasons supported by specific factual findings" that outweigh the  
21 public's interest in access. *Kamakana v. City & Cty. of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1178 (9th Cir.  
22 2006).

23 Defendant seeks to maintain under seal an exhibit to his supervised release violation  
24 memorandum because the exhibit concerns sensitive personal and medical information. (Dkt.  
25 No. 134.) Having reviewed the exhibit, the Court FINDS that Defendant's interest in keeping the  
26 information confidential outweighs the general public's interest in its disclosure. Therefore,

1 Defendant's motion to seal (Dkt. No. 134) is GRANTED. The Clerk is DIRECTED to maintain  
2 Docket Number 136 under seal.

3 DATED this 18th day of March 2019.

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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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